

GRASSROOTS ENGAGEMENT FUNDING

FAQs

What is the South West London Health & Care Partnership (SWLHCP)

The NHS, local councils and the voluntary sector in south west London have come together to deliver better care to local people as the South West London Health and Care Partnership. We believe that people's care is better when it is organised around their needs, which is why we decided to bring teams together rather than providing services within traditional organisational boundaries. We have also changed the way that we work by setting up four Local Transformation Boards (Croydon; Merton & Wandsworth; Kingston & Richmond and Sutton). These boards will ensure that the improvements we make are local, responding to the local needs, issues and context. This work aims to improve communication across the system as they are made up of representatives from the local NHS, Local Authorities, patient representatives and the voluntary sector. Their aims are to transform local health and care services to deliver more joined up services that improve care and reduce health inequalities.

To find out more about south west London you can visit our website [here](#).

Why is the SWLHCP funding this through local local Healthwatch organisations?

Healthwatch is a key stakeholder. We recognise that local Healthwatches have good connections with voluntary and community groups and can reach into the community to people that we would not normally be able to speak to. A key role for Healthwatch is to be the consumer champion for health and care. This work complements their existing work and helps feed into their priorities at a local level. We have therefore asked Healthwatch to manage this grassroots engagement funding on our behalf.

If I have a larger event, can I apply for more than £750?

Unfortunately, the maximum amount that can be funded per event is £750 and the funding must account for a minimum of 50% of the total costing of the event. However, events can be held across boroughs – and if these joint sessions happen then funding can be allocated on a per borough basis. For example if there is value in holding an event across two boroughs, £750 can be allocated per organisation in each borough.

How long will it take before I am notified?

It is anticipated that you will be notified if you are successful, 3 weeks following the advertised closing date. Once you have received this confirmation, you will then be contacted by the NHS to make arrangements for their attendance at the event.

How will payment be made?

Payment will be made directly from Healthwatch Sutton to the event taking place. Please ensure that the account details given, is correct and funding can be accessed once payment has been made.

Will I be required to provide evidence of what I've spent?

Whilst we will not want individual receipts of expenditure, it would be expected that you keep a full expense account and be able to produce this on request.

Can an existing project be funded?

Yes but you will have to ensure that you are clear in providing a full account of how it meets the minimum criteria (please see guidance for applicants).

Where do attendees to the event need to live?

As we work across Croydon, Merton, Kingston, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth - attendees will need to be from one, or more, of these boroughs.

Any questions – please contact:

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